

REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the outstanding non-final Office Action mailed April 4, 2007. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and pending claims are respectfully requested.

I. Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claims 14-18 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being drawn to non-statutory subject matter.

In response, Applicant has amended claim 14 and its remaining dependents to recite a "computer." Applicant respectfully submits that a "computer" qualifies as a machine or manufacture under 35 U.S.C. § 101.

II. Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

Claims 1-22 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by *Venkatraman, et al.* ("Venkatraman," U.S. Pat. No. 5,956,487).

As indicated above, each of Applicant's remaining independent claims has been amended through this Response. In view of those amendments, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejections are moot as having been drawn against Applicant's claims in a previous form. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the rejections be withdrawn.

Applicant further submits that Venkatraman clearly does not anticipate Applicant's claims in their current form. Generally speaking, Venkatraman does not disclose a "printing device driver" stored on a computer that controls operation of a

separate printing device. Instead, Venkatraman describes peripheral devices (e.g., printers) that comprise embedded web servers that host web pages that can be accessed by computer systems via a browser. Therefore, Venkatraman cannot be said to teach “executing a printing device driver on a computer so as to present a printing device driver user interface to a user on the computer, the printing device driver comprising a program stored on the computer that is used to control operation of a peripheral device separate from the computer” as in claim 1, “memory that stores a printing device driver that is used to operate and control a separate printing device; a printing device driver user interface configured to support interaction between a user and the printing device driver; and logic associated with the printing device driver user interface that is configured to enable provision to the user of information regarding print quality issues retrieved from a network” as in claim 14, or “a printing device driver interface configured for presentation in a display of the computer, the interface comprising a link to print quality support information hosted by a server remote to both the printing device and the computer, wherein when the link is selected by a user on the computer, the print quality support information is presented within a network browser that executes on the computer” as in claim 19.

III. Canceled Claims

Claims 5, 8-13, 15, 16, and 20 have been canceled from the application without prejudice, waiver, or disclaimer. Applicant reserves the right to present these canceled claims, or variants thereof, in continuing applications to be filed subsequently.

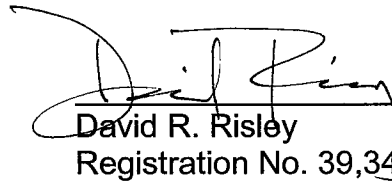
IV. New Claims

Claim 23 has been added into the application through this Response. Applicant respectfully submits that claim 23 describes an invention novel and unobvious in view of the prior art of record and, therefore, respectfully requests that claim 23 be held to be allowable.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that Applicant's pending claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (770) 933-9500.

Respectfully submitted,



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